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1. IN THE ABSENCE OF A CLEAR INDICATION FROM GATT DIRECTOR- GENERAL LONG ON HOW THE JULY 2-25 PREPARATORY COMMITTEE MEETING SHOULD BE ORGANIZED, THE BRITISH HAVE NOT YET MADE FINAL PLANS REGARDING THE LEVEL OF THEIR PARTICIPATION. THE CURRENT THINKING AT DTI IS AS FOLLOWS:

2. MARTIN LAM (UNDER SECRETARY IN THE COMMERCIAL RELATIONS AND EXPORTS DIVISION OF DTI) WILL PROBABLY LEAD THE UK DELEGATION DURING THE FIRST FEW DAYS OF THE PREPCOM MEETING, ALTHOUGH ROY DENMAN (DEPUTY SECRETARY, DTI) MAY ATTEND - IN WHICH CASE HE WOULD LEAD THE DELEGATION. DURING THIS " OPENING PERIOD," THE UK

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EXPECTS THE PREPCOM TO GIVE INSTRUCTIONS TO GATT' S
AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE AND COMMITTEE ON TRADE IN
INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS TO STUDY SPECIFIC PROBLEMS. THE UK
ALSO EXPECTS THAT THE PREPCOM WILL ESTABLISH A DRAFTING
GROUP TO WORK ON A DRAFT DECLARATION FOR THE TOKYO
MEETING. ROBIN ALLOTT (ASSISTANT SECRETARY, COMMERCIAL
RELATIONS AND EXPORTS DIVISION, DTI) PLANS TO BE IN
GENEVA FOR MOST OF JULY IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
DRAFTING GROUP.

3. DENMAN AND LAM ARE LIKELY TO BE PRESENT FOR THE
" CLOSING PERIOD" - THE LAST FEW DAYS OF THE PREPCOM
MEETING.

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